

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1081

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ellen Skelton McKeigney on her selection as the 2010 Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for grades K-4.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy educator is Ellen Skelton McKeigney, who was recently selected as the 2010 Teacher of the Year for grades K-4 by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Hawkins County School System recently honored nineteen teachers as 2010 Teachers of the Year for their respective schools in a ceremony at the Hawkins County School System Teacher of the Year banquet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeigney was selected by Church Hill Elementary School as the Teacher of the Year, a true testament to her dedication to her students and to the impact she has had throughout her estimable teaching career; and

WHEREAS, Ellen McKeigney, who has taught at Church Hill Elementary throughout her entire career, graduated summa cum laude from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) with a Bachelor of Science degree. She also was honored as the Distinguished Student in the College of Education at ETSU; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeigney also completed postgraduate work, earning her Master of Education degree from ETSU in 1983; and

WHEREAS, she joined the staff of Church Hill Elementary in 1980 and, since embarking upon what has become a stellar career in education, has taught Kindergarten and first, second, and third grades, in addition to teaching a number of special education classes; and

WHEREAS, unwaveringly committed to her profession, Ellen McKeigney is a member of a number of organizations, including the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Hawkins County Education Association, for which she has stood as a building representative and a member of the hospitality committee; and

WHEREAS, she has rendered sterling service as a member of the Math Textbook Adoption Committee and the Math Curriculum Committee for the Hawkins County School System, and has dedicated her time to mentoring student and prospective teachers; and

WHEREAS, Ellen McKeigney also dedicates her time and energies to her community through her service at McFerrin United Methodist Church, of which she has been a member for a number of years. She has served as the Church Recording Secretary, the Missions Committee Chair, a Sunday School teacher, and as a member of the Pastor-Parish Committee and the choir; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. McKeigney was recognized as Mother of the Year by the Mid-South Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Ellen McKeigney truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ellen Skelton McKeigney on her selection as the 2010 Church Hill Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her

exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.